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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS ON U.S. INSTALLATIONS, HELSINKI MEETING

1. THE OPENING OF THE CSCE SUMMIT IN HELSINKI RECEIVED TOP FRONT
PAGE PLAY IN MOST MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES THURSDAY (JULY 31). BUT
REPORTS FROM THE CONFERENCE FOCUSED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON
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PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

REFLECTIONS AT HELSINKI OF THE CYPRUS SITUATION, AND TURKEY'S POSITION CONCERNING THE NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MANEUVERS.

2. EFFORTS IN THE U.S. CONGRESS TO LIFT AT LEAST PARTIALLY THE ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY AND TUESDAY'S MEETING OF THE NATO COUNCIL ALSO RECEIVED HEAVY PLAY. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NEWS CONFERENCE WAS ALSO WIDELY NOTED.

3. IN ITS MAIN EVENING NEWS BROADCAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT, TURKISH STATE TELEVISION CARRIED A HALF-HOUR LONG REPORT ON THE HELSINKI MEETING, LARGELY GIVING THE SAME EMPHASIS AS THURSDAY'S DAILIES. THE BROADCAST SHOWED PRESIDENT FORD MEETING PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AT THE OPENING SESSION. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE PRESIDENT TOLD MR. DEMIREL THAT HE DEEPLY REGRETTED THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO AND THAT HE BELIEVED THE CONGRESS "HAD MADE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE IN ITS HISTORY". HURRIYET, TURKEY'S LARGEST DAILY, ALSO ATTRIBUTED THIS REMARK TO MR. FORD.

5. HURRIYET ALSO REPORTED THAT, ON HIS DEPARTURE FROM ANKARA FOR HELSINKI, MR. DEMIREL SAID HE WOULD ASK PRESIDENT FORD WHAT HARM TURKEY HAD DONE TO THE U.S. TO DESERVE THE EMBARGO. "I WILL ASK HIM IF WE HAVE ACTED IN A HOSTILE WAY TO THE U.S. I WILL TALK TO HIM AND EXPLAIN MATTERS. THE EMBARGO MUST NOT CONTINUE," HURRIYET QUOTED HIM AS SAYING.

6. THERE WAS RELATIVELY LITTLE COVERAGE OF THE OPENING OF THE THIRD ROUND OF GREEK-TURKISH CYPRIOT TALKS IN VIENNA. IN A BRIEF FRONT PAGE STORY DATED NICOSIA, MILLIYET REPORTED THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER RAUF DENKTAS LABELLED AS "LUDICROUS" A REPORTED PROPOSAL THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS IN THE TURKISH SECTOR BE PLACED UNDER UN GUARDIANSHIP.

7. SEVERAL PAPERS REPORTED THAT ABOUT 300 MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH WAR WORKERS UNION (SAVAS-IS) HAD GONE ON STRIKE AT THE SINOP COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATION. (ANKARA 5879)

8. EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THURSDAY EDITIONS LARGELY REPEATED THEMES DEVELOPED EARLIER CONCERNING THE EMBARGO AND THE TAKEOVER OF COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS. AN EXCEPTION WAS SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN WHICH HAD RUN A STORY THURSDAY OUTLINING THE TYPES OF U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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MILITARY EQUIPMENT ABANDONED TO THE COMMUNISTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. IN AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL, GUNAYDIN SAID THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF BUYING THIS EQUIPMENT FROM SOUTH VIETNAM "IS BEING DEBATED". IT CONTINUED: "THIS COUNTRY MAY TURN OVER THIS MATERIAL TO TURKEY AT A REASONABLE PRICE. CLEARLY, THE SITUATION IS HIGHLY COMICAL." MACMOBER

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